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to

BEAU FRIEDLANDER

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Dear Beau,

I write in answer to your letter of December 29.

P.1, #3. I certainly will consult you regarding any books I might like to publish, and in fact I'll let you publish them, if you want to, as long as things go as well between us as they have until now. I'll also consult you about any articles I might want to publish if I feel that their subject-matter overlaps in any way with that of Truth versus Lies. When I can find time to write them, I may begin submitting some articles to small, radical periodicals, but these will have no relation to the material covered in Truth versus Lies, and it would probably be more trouble than it would be worth, both for you and for me, if I consulted you about all of them. In any case, the radical periodicals in question probably have such small circulation that they couldn't compete with you to any measurable extent.

To explain further my reasons for being cautious, In my position I ~~am~~ am helpless and able to do very little for myself. I have to depend on people on the outside to do things for me, and this restricts my autonomy. The fact that I allowed ~~myself~~ myself to become too dependent on my defense team was part of the reason why my lawyers were able to control me as much as they did and take over my case.

So, in the future, I want to retain as much autonomy as I can under the circumstances, and avoid becoming any more dependent on any one than I have to. Thus far our relations have been excellent, and you've been more cooperative than I would ~~be~~ ever have hoped that a publisher would be. But, of course, there is no 100% guarantee that our relations will continue to be excellent indefinitely.

p.1, #4. As far as I am concerned, you have a completely free hand regarding the inclusion of photographs in the book. Except, of course, that I think it would be premature to contact my brother and mother just yet.

p.1, #5. As I think I've indicated earlier, I'm no longer worried about the risk that Context might go bankrupt, so you don't have to inconvenience yourself on that score.

p.2, #5. I never requested Mike to excise my letters from his book. I only withdrew temporarily my permission for use of the letters as a kind of slap on the wrist to you and Mike because I was seriously annoyed at your having given the ms. to Vicki Gordon.

You now request approval of your use of four passages from my letters. The only draft of Mello's book that I have is the one dated October 30. In it I can find the two passages that you cite as being on p. 26 and p. 107, respectively. I can't find the other two, so I don't know just what it is that you want to

quote. But you have my permission to use the passages on p.26 and p.107, and it is highly probable that I will give you permission to use the other two passages too. ~~A~~ However, this is subject to a qualification: I'd like you to clear these passages with Professor Bonnie before you commit yourself to using them. If Bonnie can't review them in time to meet your deadline, then you can just go ahead and use them. In a phone conversation I had with Bonnie on Dec. 29 I understood him to say that he didn't want anything quoted from my letters that would have a bearing on my motivations, so he may have objections to some of what you want to quote.

But what happened to that January 7 deadline? You certainly won't receive this letter until well after Jan. 7.

P. 2, ¶ 4. I can easily explain the mysterious phone call you received by quoting from my letter of Dec. 10, 1998 to Steven Fischler:

"Since you seem to be quite knowledgeable about everything that pertains to the media, I wonder whether you can give me any information about Beau Friedlander of Context Media (in New York City) who is going to publish my book. I emphasize that I have not found the slightest reason to doubt Mr. Friedlander's honesty, and would like to have information about him only as a precaution (since some others who at first appeared perfectly honest

eventually turned out to be otherwise)."

That's the sum total of everything I've told Fischler about you. It was his own idea to call you, and he did so without my prior knowledge.

Fischler reported back to me that he found no information about you apart from the little he learned from the phone call. Fischler, by the way, has a copy of Truth versus Lies, which I sent him a long time ago, maybe even before I sent the ms. to you.

I also asked the woman whom I consulted about the contract to check up on you, and she too reported that she found no information, but she added that you couldn't be one of the bad exploiters (of authors), otherwise she would already have heard of you. She has a very ~~new~~ negative opinion of Regnery, so she's one of the reasons why I chose you instead of him.

I find it useful to ask my various correspondents to check up on one another.

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I expect to meet Bonnie for the first time the day after tomorrow, and I expect that the meeting will prove interesting.

I hope that all goes well with you and that your business continues to thrive vigorously.

Best regards,

Ted

P.S. Regarding your suggestion that I should write an article in ~~the~~ rebuttal of Waits's book (which suggestion you made during our Dec. 24 phone conversation): I would need information about the expected length and format of the article, and it would be well for me to have a copy of the periodical before I begin writing.

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